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occasional need for the representatives of both professions to meet to communicate and resolve credentialing and scope of practice issues, the original statute established a joint appointed advisory committee consisting of three CRNAs and one nonvoting physician chairman. The advisory committee meets irregularly when there is a reason to do so. Members receive no compensation but are reimbursed for their travel expenses. The most recent meeting of the committee took place some three weeks ago for the purpose of considering matters pertaining to the sedation of pediatric patients, and that's just a good example of its important work. If the advisory committee were not to exist for handling this type of issue, either the entire memberships of the two credentialing bodies would have to meet jointly, or the department would need to devote the efforts of paid staff members for this matter. Both the Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the Nebraska Society of Anesthesiologists support the retention of the Nurse Anesthetists Advisory Committee, and I would just appreciate your support in returning this back for the specific amendment to add that one section back into this bill. With that, I'd be glad...glad to answer any questions.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the motion to return? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, clang, clang, clang, note of discord. We're going to have to lay out some rules and regulations and guidelines for these long prayers. I'd like to ask Senator Jensen a question now. Senator Jensen, you said if this board is done away with, what will be the impact of it? I'm not against what you're doing.

SENATOR JENSEN: Sure, and thank you for the question. What it would mean as both boards...this particular advisory committee represents the nurse anesthetists...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Anesthetists.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...yes,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.